An Abtract of a Letter

FROM

Lieutenant-Generall CRVMWELL to Sir THOMAS FAIRFAX Commander in chiefe of the Forces raised for the defence of the Kingdome.

Dated *April* 26. 1645.

Of a great Victory obtained by the said Lieutenant Generall CRVMWELL against a party of the Earle of *Northamptons* Regiment, the Lord *Wilmots* Regiment, and the Queenes Regiment of Horse neere Oxford.

200. *Killed in the fight, and in the chase.*
200. *Prisoners taken.*
400. *Horse.*
The Queens own Colours.
And great store of Armes.

ALSO,

The taking of *Bletchington*-house by Lieutenant Generall CRUMWELL, a Garrison of the Kings neere *Oxford* and kept by Colonell *Windebanke*, whether the residue of the enemy that escaped the former fight fled. With the coppy of the Articles upon the surrender of the said house.

72 *Horse more taken in this house,* 300 *Muskets, and great store of other Armes and Ammunition.*

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AN ABSTRACT

Of the Letter, sent from Generall *Crumwell*, to Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, Commander in chiefe of the Forces raised for the defence of the Kingdome.

Right Honourable:

I Met at my Randezvous at *Nosingham*, on Wednesday last, where I staid somewhat long for the comming up of the Bodie of Horse, which Gods Honour was pleased to give me command of: After the commming whereof I marched with all expedition to *Wheatly*-Bridge, having sent before to Major Generall *Browne*, for what Intelligence he could afford me of the state of affaire in *Oxford*, I being not so well acquainted in those parts, and the condition and number of the Enemy in *Oxford*, as him-

ſelfe informed me by Letters; That Prince *Maurice* his Forces were not in *Oxford*, (as I ſuppoſe, and that as he was informed by foure very honeſt and faithfull Gentlemen, that came out of *Oxford* to him a little before the Receipt of this Letter, that there were Twelve Peeces of Ordnance, with their Carriages and Waggons, readie for a March, and in another place Five more Peeces, with their Carriages, another readie to Advance with their Convoy: After I received this ſatisfaction from Major Generall *Browne*, I advanzed this Morning, being Thurſday, the Twenty fourth of *Aprill*, neere *Oxford*, then I lay before the Enemie perceiving it at *Oxford*, and they being in readineſſe to advance, ſent out a partie of Horſe againſt me, part of the Queenes Regiment, part of the Earle of *Northamptons* Regiment, and parte of the Lord *Wilmores* Regiment, who made an Infall upon mee whereupon your Honours Regiment (lately mine owne) I drew forth againſt the Enemie (who had drawne themſelves into ſeverall Squadrons, to be readie for Action) and your Honours owne Troope therein, I commanded to Charge a Squadron of the Enemie, who performed it ſo gallantly, that after a ſhort fiering they entred the whole Squadron, and put them to a Confuſion, and the reſt of my Horſe preſently entring after them, they made a Totall Roote of the Enemie, and had the Chace of them three or foure Miles, and killed Two Hundred, tooke as many Priſoners, and about Foure Hundred Horſe, and the Queenes Colours Richly Embrodered with the Crowne in the midſt, and Eighteene Flower-

Deluces

Deluces wrought about all in Gold, with a Golden Croſſe on the Top: many eſcapt to *Oxford*, and divers were drowned, parte of them likewiſe betooke themſelves to a ſtrong Houſe in *Bletchington*, where Colonell *windebanke* kept a Garriſon with neere Two Hundred Horſe and Foote therein, which after ſurrounded I ſummoned, but they ſeemed verty delatory in their Anſwer; at laſt they ſent out Articles to me of Surrender (which I have ſent your Honour incloſed) and after a large Treatie thereupon, the Surrender was agreed upon betweene us, they left behind them between two and Three Hundred Muſquets, Seventy Horſes, beſides other Armes and Ammunition: I Humbly reſt

25 of *Aprill*,
1645. Your Honours Humble Servant

Oliver Crumwell.

ARTICLES OF Agreement upon the ſurrender of *Bletchington-Houſe*:

Between Lieutenant Generall *Cromwell*, and Colonell *windebanke*, April 24. Anno 1645.

1. IT is agreed that all Officers of Horſe of Commiſſion of the Garriſon ſhall march away with their Horſe Swords, and Piſtolls.

2. That the Colonell of the Gariſon, and the Maior march away with their Horſe, Swords, and Piſtolls, and the Captaines of the Fort to march with their horſe and ſwords.

3. That all Souldiers in the Garriſon march away leaving their Armes, Colours, and Drummes behind them, and for ſuch Officers of horſe as retreated thither for ſafety to march away with their ſwords.

4. That

4. *That Maſter* Huchington, *Maſter* Ernely, *Maſter* Eddes, *and Maſter* Pitts, *being Gentlemen that came to viſit the Governour and not ingaged, ſhall march away with their horſes, ſwords, and Piſtolls.*

5. *That all the other Armes and Ammunition ſhall be delivered up imediatly to Lieutenant Generall* Cromwell *without imbezeling, except as above mentioned.*

6. *That ſafe conduct be granted by the Lieutenant Generall, for all the above mentioned to Oxford.*

7. *That the Colonells Wife, her two Servants and Chaplaine with their horſes march along with the Colonell.*

8. *That the Lady of the Houſe ſhall enjoy her goods as aforeſaid without plunder, and all her family.*

FINIS.

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